

Outline of the History  
of  
San Jose, California

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## Social Studies

### I Native Inhabitants of San Jose

#### O Chonee

#### A Description

1. Very muscular
2. Men were six feet tall
3. Very peaceful unless angered

#### B Homes

1. Conical huts
2. Thatched
3. Covered with mud
4. Hole for smoke in ceiling
5. Hole for entering at base

#### C Customs

1. Painting of bodies with paint from cinchona.
2. Women had rows of dots
3. Shells

#### D Skills

1. bows
2. arrows
3. baskets

#### E Transportation

1. canoes
2. reeds
3. Ten feet long

c Three feet wide

d Double bladed paddles

2 Walking

F Clothing

I Men

2 Nothing

6 Mud

2 Women

2 Short skirts

① Deer skin

② Tules

③ Bark fiber

G Food

1 Acorn broth

2 acore bread

3 Fish

4 Deer

5 antelope

6 Hare

7 Rabbit

8 Salmon

9 seeds

10 oily pine nuts

II Discovery and exploration

A Discovered

1 On Nov. 6, 1969

2 By Don Gaspar de Portola

### III Settlement

- 1 Nov. 29, 1777
- 2 Nine soldiers
- 3 Two settlers
- 4 Three others from presidio
- 5 Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe
- 6 Food for presidio
- 7 Dam built
- 8 Land marked off
- 9 Rude houses built
- 10 Church at Santa Clara Mission
- 11 Each settler received
  - a A yoke of oxen
  - b Two cows
  - c Two horses
  - d One mule
  - e Two sheep
  - f Two goats
  - g Farm tools necessary
  - h \$10 monthly for three yrs.
- 12 Plan of settlement
  - a Central town plaza
  - b Court house
  - c Town hall
  - d Granaries



e jail

f Lots for settlers

g Several acres to each settler

#### IV Life of the Early Settlers

##### A California Schools

1 First school

a at San Jose

b December 1799

2 Teacher recieved eighty-five cents a month per student.

3 Boys seven to ten

4 Lasted ten months

5 Second school 1811

6 Teacher Rafael Villavicencio

7. Recieved \$6.25 annually from each family

8. 1815 new school room provided

9 Schools for boys only.

10. Stopped 1824

11. Started 1836

12 Boys + girls 1844

13 Teacher recieved \$500.00 yearly in 1846

##### B Occupations

1 Agriculture, hide + tallow until 1820

2. No business before 1820

##### C Living Conditions

1 No sawed timber until 1820

2. No spoke welled vehicles  
3. No stores or fireplaces until 1846

#### V Government

1. Town council - Ayuntamiento
2. Had charge of
  - a Police
  - b Health
  - c Sanfort
  - d Ornament
  - e Order
- + security of pueblo

#### VI A Growth

1. One hundred seventy people in 1800
2. Five hundred twenty four in 1831
3. Hides & tallow gains in importance
4. 1856 - first church
5. 1844 - first flour mill

#### VII Physical Growth of San Jose

##### A Started Life as Town

1. With 5,000 people
2. Incorporated - March 27, 1850
3. Alcade became mayor
4. Ayuntamiento became town council
5. Mayor lost judicial powers
6. Santa Clara Str. Macadamized - 1859
7. Voluntary Fire Dpt. 1850

##### B Communication

1. Mail

2 Pony express

o Once a month

2 T. telegraph - 1853

3 Stage to San Francisco

2 Nine hours

b \$ 32.00

4 Steamboat to S.F. from Alviso

5 Railroad in 1864

6 Horse Railroad to Santa Clara - 1868

7 Alameda improved

2 Made Turnpike to Race St. in 1862

8 Race St. toll gate

2 Single buggies \$.10

b Teams \$.25

c Stages \$ 1.00

## VIII Under U.S. Rule

A Flag Raised

1. On July 19, 1846

2 No gunfire

3 By Captain Thomas Fallon

B Minor battle of Mexican war fought

1 Marines led by Capt. Ward Marston

2 Mexicans under Colonel Sanchez

3 Lasted three hours

4 Sanchez surrendered

5 Mexican war over Feb. 2, 1848



## C Gold

- 1 Men left
- 2 Came back to supply gold seekers
- 3 Charged high prices
- 4 Made more than gold seekers

## P California Government

- 1 Convention called
  - a To write constitution
  - b At Monterey
- 2 First Capital - San Jose
- 3 First legislature
  - a Dec. 15, 1849

4 Capital moved to Vallejo - Feb. 1851

5 Capital moved to Sacramento

## E Occupations

- 1 Agriculture
  - a Fruit
    - ① Prunes brought by Louis Pellier - 1856
    - ② Apricots
  - b Wheat
  - c Wine Grapes - 1849
- 2 Banking
  - a First - 1866
  - b More founded
    - ① First National Bank
    - ② Bank of America
    - ③ American Trust

## ① Anglo-California

C Money beforehand - kept in safes or hidden -

## 3 Canning

a Started - 1881

b 350 cases

c In woodshed

d 1 million cases by 1880

e Between 1905 + 1920

① Biscaglia Bros.

② Pratt - Low

③ Greco

④ Dutton

⑤ Kent Bros.

⑥ Richmond - Chase

⑦ American Can Co.

## 4 Radio Station

a 1909

b Started by Charles D. Kerckhoff

c KQW in 1925

d Originated - San Jose, moved to San Francisco and broadcasted.

e Oldest active Radio - Telephone in America

f Changed to KCBS

g Moved to San Francisco - 1950

## IX Education

A School System

1 Organized April 1856

- 2 \*\$8,000 schoolhouse built - Washington Square
- 3 High School 1865
- 4 Irregular attendance
- 5 Teachers poorly paid
- 6 New School
  - a 1867
  - b 3 stories
  - c High School in second story
  - d Horace Mann School is there now
  - e Two year institution
  - f First graduation - 1873
- 7 Four new school buildings erected - 1870 &
- 8 Eight schools altogether
  - a Forty teachers
  - b One thousand, nine hundred sixty-five students
- 9 Shortage of rooms during 80's
- 10 Eight grade elementary system
  - a Morals
  - b Manners
  - c Physical Training
    - d sewing for girls
    - e Manual Training for boys
- 11 Two schools serviceable after earthquake
- 12 New schools built
  - a Lowell
  - b Longfellow
  - c Grant

10  
D Horace Mann

13 6-3-3 system

a 1925

b Six grades in elementary school

c Three in junior high

d Three in High School

e Theodore Roosevelt

① First Jr. High

② 1925

f Woodrow Wilson

① Second Jr. High

② 1925

g Peter Burnett

① Third Jr. High

② 1931

h Herbert Hoover

① Fourth Jr. High

② 1931

i Edwin Markham

① Fifth Jr. High

② 1950

14 State Normal School

a Founded - San Francisco

b 1871

c Moved to San Jose

d 1871

e Located - Washington Square



+ Name changed to San Jose State Teachers College 1921

9 Name changed to San Jose State recently.

## X 1 News Papers

1. State Journal

a First paper

b 1850

2 Daily Argosy

a Second paper

b 1851

3 Weekly Visitor

a First permanent paper

b Started 1850

c Ancestor of "San Jose Mercury"

d E. A. & J. O. Hayes purchased "Weekly Visitor"

e Name changed

1. To "San Jose Mercury"

2. In 1950

4 "The Daily City Item"

a Founded 1883

b Became "Evening News" in 1885

## XI Electricity

A First electric street car in America

1 Ran along Alameda

2 Electrified by a third rail

3 Overhead Trolley - later

XII Skyscrapers

1 Garden City Bank

3 1905

6 Seven stories

2 First National Bank

3 1910

6 Nine stories

XIII A Earthquake Affected

1. Post Office

2 Normal School

3 High School

4 Elementary Schools

5 Churches

B Improvements after earthquake

1. Sewers

2 Streets paved - 1908

3 Cement sidewalks - 1909

4 200 st. lights

5 500 intersection lights

6 Bridges made

7 Park improvements

- 8 Paid firemen - 1876 - 29 men
- 9 Telephone exchange
  - a 1879
  - b Fire subscribers
  - c Connected with San Francisco - 1882
- 10 Horse car lines - 1870s

### C Population

- 1. 1850 - 5,000
- 2. 1880 - 12,562
- 3. 1890 - 18,060
- 4. 1900 - 21,500
- 5. 1930 - 48,651
- 6. 1950 - 95,020

### D Buildings & Improvements

- 1. City Hall 1888
- 2. Post Office 1886 - library there now
- 3. Banks on all four corners of First & Santa Clara Sts.
- 4. Sewer system
- 5. Bridges
- 6. Fire house
- 7. St. James Park
- 8. Electric tower
  - a Market & Santa Clara Sts.
  - b 232 feet high
  - c Topped with 30 foot flag pole.
  - d Collapsed - 1915

## E Water

- 1 plentiful
- 2 2000 artesian wells
- 3 farm irrigation
- 4 drinking
- 5 Water Company
- 6 built dams
- 6 sunk wells
- 6 farmers sunk wells
- 7 Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District built dams
- 8 City may buy water works